

## READY FOR PROBE FIGHT BORAH PLAN

Both State and Federal Agents Administration Forces Opposed Into Louisiana Case.

Will Be No Check in Investigation Started Weeks Ago.

## HUNT FOR PROBABLE MOTIVE WOULD CROSS DANGER LINE

Populace Calm Following First Moments of Excitement.

Victims of Lake Tragedy Are Buried in Double Grave.

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 25.—The gloom of darkest tragedy was in the Christmas air here today. Thoughts of residents of all parishes turned to study of probable moves in the investigation into the deaths of Walt Daniels and Tom Richards, whose mutilated bodies were buried yesterday in the Daniels burial ground.

The methods that will be followed but in prosecuting the men alleged to have been responsible for abduction and murder of the two men was the principle topic of conversation.

Mer Rouge and the other towns nearby were breathing easier, now that the first tense moments of excitement have passed. Calmer speculation over eventualities has followed.

Plans Are Secret.

Just how the prosecution of the suspects is to be carried out has not been made public. Federal agents were sent here to locate the bodies of the men and to point out persons to be arrested. This has been completed. No arrests were made before the bodies were discovered for the simple reason that the only charge that could have been placed against suspects would have been that of abduction, which is homicide.

There is nothing, however, to check carrying out the results of the long investigation. Before January 5, which is the date for the public hearing, several more northwest Louisianans may be behind prison bars.

Laws of this state provide for open hearings in cases of this kind and Attorney General Cocco will conduct this probe personally. All certain evidence and evidence expected to be brushed aside. Both pro and anti-Klax Klan faction supporters will be called into the hearing.

State Tax Charge.

It is believed the state will take entire charge of the prosecution, basing its contentions mainly upon evidence obtained thru the department of justice agents.

A thousand persons yesterday witnessed burial service for Daniels and Richards. They were laid to graves, side by side, twelve miles north of this little hamlet. The funeral was a double one, with military honors being accorded Daniels, who was a member of the state guard accompanied by the bodies to the cemetery, and there, facing the lower end of the three shots that ever will resound in the ears of my friends who went to pay last respects to the dead.

Private Burial Plot.

The interment was made in the Daniels burial ground, one of the oldest in this section, because of the staunch friendship existing between the two men. J. L. Daniels, father of the dead here, persuaded relatives of Richards to allow that body to rest beside the body of his own son.

While Daniels' funeral procession was crossing the plantation, another group was seen passing to another graveyard with the body of a negro, who, for years had lived and worked with Daniels. Many declare he "killed" Mrs. Bernhardt.

The widow and two small children of Thomas Richards were there, but the climax to the tragedy was more than Mrs. Bernhardt could bear. Friends carried her from the grave of her husband as she gave way to her feelings.

## GOLF CHAMPIONS ON TOUR

Sarazen and Hutchison to Play to Coast and Back.

New York, Dec. 25.—Gene Sarazen and Jack Hutchison will depart from New York late today on a golfing tour that will take them to the Pacific coast and back. They will be gone about three months and will engage in thirty-five or more exhibitions in addition to playing in several tournaments in California and the south.

## PARIS GAY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Pre-War Scenes Come Back in Festivities in French Capital.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Christmas eve festivities in Paris were carried out with pre-war gaiety and more prevailing high prices. Even folks in moderate circumstances dined the traditional blood pudding for more aristocratic menus. The prices in restaurants were slightly lower than last year, with the result that the cafes drew capacity crowds. The revelers dining, dancing and singing until morning. Large congregations attended midnight mass at the churches where brilliant musical programs were conducted.

## PAPER OUT EARLY TODAY

The third, fourth and fifth editions of The State Journal are issued several hours earlier today to give the employees a half holiday to observe Christmas.

The State Journal wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! MAY THE JOYOUS SPIRIT OF YULETIDE BRING HAPPINESS TO EVERY HOME AND FIRESIDE



## BARBOUR TO QUIT

Ed Moll, of Milwaukee, Slated to Head Southwestern.

No Change in Circuit, Says the Retiring President.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 25.—The election as president of the Southwestern Baseball League, of Ed Moll of Milwaukee, formerly secretary of the Milwaukee club of the American Association and for eight years a member of the national board of arbitration of organized baseball, is assured.

Moll will succeed Easley Barbour, who has been elected to the position of secretary.

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## Mary and Doug Spread Christmas Cheer Among Inmates of County Farm

Aged Woman Who Wanted a Corn Cob Pipe Is Smoking Today and Another Is Wearing the Latest in a New Corset, Thanks to Miss Pickford, Who Had List of Christmas Desires Compiled Several Weeks Ago, While Doug Makes a "Newsy" Happy With a New "Bike."

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—The spirit of charity and good cheer predominated in the cinema colony here today. The 250 inmates—men and women—of the county farm were cheered by the thoughtfulness of Mary Pickford. Several weeks ago Miss Pickford sent a representative to the farm to compile a list of the Christmas desires of the needy persons.

"I would love to have a newspaper every day in the year," said one old woman.

She will get it.

Another woman from the south wanted a corn cob pipe. She got it, too.

Another woman wanted a new corset. "Because the one I have is out of style," she said.

Most of the men wanted "tobacco." Miss Pickford personally distributed the gifts, which included bed room slippers and candy-filled stockings for everybody.

The more impetuous Douglas Fairbanks—her noted husband—was solicited by a newsboy to buy a paper.

"What would you rather have more than anything else in the world?" asked Doug.

"A bicycle," declared the boy.

He took the boy in and bought him one for \$40.

Gloria Swanson made happy scores of boys from broken homes who are at the Lariketon home. She went thru the "property room" at the studio and got various model homes, buildings and cities used as miniature in pictures and sent these to the youngsters, besides a supply of candy and nuts.

A small Christmas tree stood on a white enameled table in the sick room of Wallace Reid in a Hollywood sanatorium. His son, Rudy, 6, and his adopted daughter, Betty, aged 4, were visitors in the morning.

The closest precipitation to Topeka today was a snow at Salt Lake City.

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## The WEATHER NEWS

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.

Fair tonight and probably Tuesday. Continued mild.

MORE MILD WEATHER DUE

November Temperatures Scheduled for Next Thirty-Six Hours.

Shippers' Forecast.

Protestant shipping companies north and west against a temperature of 30 degrees.

A repetition of the mild holiday weather with November temperatures scheduled in Topeka in the next thirty-six hours, says Meteorologist Laskowski.

Increased cloudiness will be the only change in the weather program, says the weather man.

There will be considerable cloudiness Tuesday and the temperatures will remain practically the same.

No precipitation is in sight.

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SET A NEW POLICE RECORD

Only Six "Drunks" Arrested Since Friday of Last Week.

The Topeka police department has hung up a new record for Christmas eve. Only six "drunks" have been arrested since Friday of last week, and two of them were out of town men.

"And it isn't so long ago," Chief Morris Leonard said last morning. "That Christmas meant drunks by the dozen. The world is getting better."

The Christmas spirit so pervaded the station and the jail that seven hoboes who sought a "free flop" in the cell Sunday, were given their breakfast before they set out this morning in a world which couldn't be called either cold or heartless.

Students to Honor Doctor Ward.

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 25.—Graduates and former students of Ottawa university will honor Dr. Milan L. Ward, president emeritus of the institution, at a social affair to be held in the gymnasium on Wednesday night, December 27. Doctor Ward celebrated his ninety-third birthday on December 24. His home is in Ottawa.

## FEAR TUG IS LOST CHEER TO NEEDY

No Trace of the Cornell, Which Left Shore Thursday.

Boat Was Due to Reach Buffalo, N. Y., Friday Morning.

## PLANES MAY JOIN IN SEARCH

Might Have Blown Boffers, One Theory Being Advanced.

Fog on Lake Erie Hinders Efforts to Locate Vessel.

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—A fourth tug was added this morning to the three already searching Lake Erie for the missing tug Cornell, which left here Thursday afternoon and was due in Buffalo Friday morning. One tug which covered the middle of the lake as far as Erie Pa., yesterday reported no traces of the tug or wreckage.

Two other tugs patrolling the north shore made similar vain search. The tug Oregon was sent out today to cruise the south shore as far as Fairport, and then work out into the middle of the lake.

Efforts are also being made to enlist airplanes in the search.

Various theories are advanced in the marine circles as to the probable fate of the tug. One is that the tug might have blown up her boiler.

Those who advance this conjecture point out that the coast guards on duty at Ashtabula had not seen the Cornell pass that point.

The boat was equipped with staunch lifeboats that would have enabled the crew to reach shore unless the boat had gone to pieces in explosion or ice jam.

Others who scout this theory think the boat may have sprung a slow leak or is delayed by engine trouble.

Boats that put into Erie and Cleveland report the fog on Lake Erie so heavy it is doubtful if they could have sighted the Cornell even had they passed within ordinary sailing distance.

GREETINGS TO WAR VETERANS

President Harding, General Pershing, and Col. Forbes Sent Messages.

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Harding, General Pershing and Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the veterans bureau, joined today in extending Christmas greetings to American war veterans.

The president declared to the "utmost assurance that a grateful people stands ready to bring its full measure of the coming year would bring them in fullest measure a restored peace and prosperity."

Said General Pershing: "On this Christmas day I wish to extend to all war veterans my warmest greetings and most cordial good wishes. None of us can ever be ungrateful for the great sacrifices you have made in the service of your country, although few can realize what you have suffered. Your courage and your fortitude shall ever be an inspiration to us. For the coming year, as always, you have my most earnest thought for your welfare and happiness. May I bring its full measure of health and fortune, but above everything may I find you ever brave and full of life."

Said Colonel Forbes: "To the ex-service men I wish to extend my full sympathy and warmest greetings. It is the duty of the veterans' bureau to do all it can to assist them in their difficulties at its command."

Members of the J. P. Daughters provided a Christmas entertainment for children at the Topeka Orphans' home Sunday afternoon. Some of the smaller children were taken on a motor car ride. Popcorn, candy, nuts, and other Christmas gifts were distributed among the children.

Members of Central lodge No. 55, Improved Order of Elks of the World will give a Christmas party for the unfortunate colored children of Topeka at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the lodge rooms, 265 Kansas avenue. Gifts will be distributed to 300 persons.

HER CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Sarah Bernhardt, Leading Hope, Is Sinking Rapidly.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, famous actress, who is critically ill, was sinking rapidly today. She was bearing up gallantly and her physicians held out hope for her recovery and her determination would save her life.

Mme. Bernhardt, who has been ill for a fortnight, maintained the hope until today that mental concentration would be able to overcome her illness. Her physical weakness grew to such an extent that she showed signs of giving up hope.

She here believed that she would not allow physical disability to interfere with her theatrical career. She said if possible she would die in the harness of the stage.

She has been making one of the most heroic efforts to overcome her illness. Her physical weakness grew to such an extent that she showed signs of giving up hope.

The people of America were especially interested in the actress, who was able to make another tour of the United States.

An announcement today that even if she does recover, she will never again appear on the stage.

HOUSE HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Former Mayor and Widely Known Newspaper Man in Topeka.

Jay House, author of the column "On Second Thought" in the Philadelphia Public Ledger and former mayor of Topeka, spent Christmas in Topeka today at the Charles E. Eagle residence, 420 Topeka boulevard. Mr. House came to Topeka via Deering, Kan., where he had been for a few days.

He plans to remain in Topeka for two weeks. "I never saw Topeka look so good as it does now," Mr. House said. "It is quite an improvement over what it was two years ago and I don't think it will be much better two years from now. I am going to stay with the city as well as the boys while here."

Former Swiss Leader Dead.

Emil Frey Was First to Represent Country in United States.

(By the Associated Press.)

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Emil Frey, former president of the Swiss Confederation and first Swiss ambassador to the United States, died today at his birthplace, Aeschel, near Basle, in his eightieth year.

Killing in Galveston Resort.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 25.—Charles Lucyszewski, aged 25, was shot and killed at a resort west of the city limits early today. Joe Glavin and Otto Quinn surrendered to Justice of the Peace John R. Harris and were held under a \$1,000 bond each in connection with the affair.

Spark From Topeka Destroyed Plant.

Mingo, Kan., Dec. 24.—The city waterworks was destroyed completely by fire Saturday. The manager was injured and the city is now without water. It is supposed that a spark from the torch caused the fire. Damage is \$5,000.